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						18 January 1955
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: Senior Representative. ☐ ☐ ☐
ATTN: ☐
: Chief, SE

- OBTUSE/OBTST

- Program for 1955

REF: SCIA 13393, 3 January 1955

1. The 1955 OBTUSE and OBTST program submitted in reference has been reviewed as requested. It seems realistic and well thought out. Subject to unforeseen policy changes, it is hereby approved. This approval includes use of the B-26, subject to the concurrence of the Air Section in Athens.

2. We believe the use of the B-26 is a very good idea and that it will certainly add to the impact of the leaflets delivered by it.

3. The OBTUSE program has been discussed with the art staff, and they will make a note of the themes to be used in the various OBTSTKS and design the cartoons forwarded from Headquarters to complement the texts.

4. Para. 3c. of reference states that "all our present intelligence indicates a favorable evaluation on the beneficial PW effect of article drops." We cannot recall seeing any comment on the article drops in interrogation reports received in Headquarters; and SCIA-12581, 10 November 1954, stated that there had been no information concerning the article drops since the resumption of this program. When statements are

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made by refugees concerning the article drops or leaflet drops, either good or bad, it is requested that they be reported to Headquarters. Proof of favorable reaction to our PW program is extremely useful in justifying the continuation of the program when projects come up for renewal. On the other hand, should there be any amount of adverse criticism, it would be advisable to reconsider the whole program. In this connection, we do not feel that AICCOL's reaction, reported in SCOA 13500, can be considered evidence of favorable reaction to the resumed article drops as AICCOL left Albania in 1952.

5. With regard to Para. 6 of reference, the question of intrusion of the Albanian Home Service Telegraphic Service was discussed in ☐ ☐ 8142. The possibility of offering surplus food commodities will be taken up in a subsequent dispatch as soon as a decision has been reached on the matter. As for the use of loudspeakers mounted on balloons or aircraft, upon receipt of ☐ ☐ dispatch on this subject it will be carefully considered and a decision forwarded to the field.

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27 January 1955

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